

REMARKS

Claims 1-25 were pending in the application prior to the present amendment.

Claims 7-8 and 21-22 are herein cancelled.

Claims 1 and 15 are herein amended.

In order to expedite the application towards allowance, claims 1 and 15 have been amended to incorporate subject matter the Examiner has deemed to be allowable.

Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of former dependent claims 7 and 8.

Claim 15 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of former dependent claims 21 and 22.

CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant submits the application is now in condition for allowance, and an early notice to that effect is requested.

If any extensions of time (under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136) are necessary to prevent the above referenced application(s) from becoming abandoned, Applicant(s) hereby petition for such extensions. If any fees are due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge said fees to Meyertons, Hood, Kivlin, Kowert & Goetzel PC Deposit Account No. 50-1505/5181-30701/JCH.

Also enclosed herewith are the following items:

☒ Return Receipt Postcard

Respectfully submitted,



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